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September 16, 2020

**BY ECF**

The Honorable Edgardo Ramos  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square  
New York, New York 10007

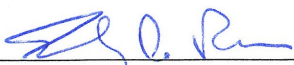
**MEMO ENDORSED**

Re: *United States v. Okeifa John*, 20 Cr. 477 (ER)

Dear Judge Ramos:

The initial conference in this case is set for October 7, 2020, and Magistrate Court has informed the parties that an arraignment in this case is likely to occur during the week of September 28. Accordingly, the Government respectfully requests that the Court exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7), until October 7, 2020. The ends of justice outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial because the continuance will permit the Government to prepare and produce discovery, the defense to review discovery, and will reflect the current limited availability of jury trials in this District in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Government has conferred with defense counsel, who consents to this request.

The application is X granted  
\_\_\_\_\_ denied

  
Edgardo Ramos, U.S.D.J

Dated: 9/21/2020

New York, New York

Respectfully submitted,

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